

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, with great solemnity and prayerfulness, I rise to join my colleagues in recognition of National Police Week: observed by this Congress and Country for nearly sixty years.

Thank you, Rep. VAL DEMINGS, former Orlando Police Department Chief, a police officer for nearly 30 years, for providing us with this opportunity.

This week, we honor the thousands of heroes who don the uniform each day, as they honor their patriotic pledge to defend our Democracy.

They do so often in the face of grave danger—including the coronavirus pandemic, which has forced many to risk their lives as they work to save the lives of others.

We especially salute our U.S. Capitol Police heroes, including those who lost their lives in defense of the Capitol.

Following the January 6 assault, they have met horror with heroism; agony with action. We are awed by their resilience and grateful for their courage.

As President Biden wrote in his Proclamation on Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week: "Every morning, our Nation's law enforcement officers pin on a badge and go to work, not knowing what the day will bring, and hoping to come home safely."

Solemnly, we honor the sacrifice of those who did not "come home safely."

Today—and always—we pay tribute to our fallen officers, including the 394 officers added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this past year. Fourteen Californians received this sad recognition.

The service of each of these heroes reminds us of our duty: to build a future worthy of their sacrifice.

May the memories of the fallen live always in our hearts, as a reminder of that responsibility. And may it be a comfort to the families of the fallen that so many mourn with and pray for them.

HERB ATCHISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Herb Atchison, a former City Councilmember and Mayor of Westminster, Colorado and a great Coloradan.

Mayor Atchison has lived in Westminster for more than 40 years, during which time he has committed his time and energy into serving his community and local residents. Throughout his

tenure serving the City of Westminster, Mayor Atchison held numerous positions on the City Council and on city government boards such as the Planning Commission and the City's Special Permit and Licensing Board. Mayor Atchison was first elected to City Council in 1997 where he served two terms and came back for a third term in 2011. He was elected Mayor in 2013 and proceeded to serve two terms. As a Councilmember and Mayor, he was a strong advocate and champion for small business and transportation issues.

In addition to his service to the Westminster community Mayor Atchison is a loving husband and devoted father. He has been married to his wife Erika for 50 years, is the proud father of two daughters, and a devoted grandfather to five grandchildren.

While our state has been blessed with capable leadership throughout its history, few rise to the caliber and reputation of Mayor Atchison. I wish Mayor Atchison all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to the Westminster community and the great State of Colorado.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am sorry I missed a vote, as I was unable to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 139.

IN RECOGNITION OF WESLEY R. FUGATE, PH.D.

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D. for his service as the 20th President of Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Since commencing in this leadership role in January of 2020, Dr. Fugate has overcome challenges stemming from the pandemic. His strategic planning process has resulted in the implementation of six new undergraduate majors, along with a new degree completion program, a graduate program, and a new endorsement and certification program. These offerings have provided a strategic boost to the academic offerings at Wilson College, and his hard work is paving the way for continued advancement.

Prior to his work at Wilson College, Dr. Fugate served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and Interim Vice President for

Employment Management at Randolph College. He also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Planning and Education Policy to the Governor of Kentucky. As a community leader, Dr. Fugate has demonstrated great dedication and participation in local civic organizations. In our region, he has served on a number of leadership boards, including the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Fugate earned his doctorate in higher education from the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education. He received his master's degree from Vanderbilt University and his bachelor's degree from Centre College. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Dr. Fugate has received many awards, including the Alice L. Beeman Research Award in Communications and Marketing for Educational Advancement for an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

As a leader, Dr. Fugate is propelling a forward-looking vision for Wilson College. It is my privilege to serve the students and academic community of Franklin County alongside him. I thank Dr. Fugate for his work in our community, and I wish him every continued success.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF YONG AE YUE AND HONORING ELLIOTT AND ROBERT PETERSON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Yong Ae Yue, and to honor her two sons, Elliott and Robert Peterson. Ms. Yue was one of eight people tragically killed in the March 16th shootings at three spas in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Ms. Yue was raised an orphan in South Korea, where she met her former husband, Mac Peterson, who was in the U.S. Army. After having their first son, Elliott, in South Korea, the couple moved to the United States in the early 1980s and had their second son, Robert. Ms. Yue was determined to give her two children a promising and successful life in the United States, and she taught her sons the value and meaning of hard work. Given her sons' multiracial background, she made sure they were proud of their Black and Asian identities, and helped them find strength in their heritage. According to her family, she was a selfless, compassionate, and generous woman who loved to sing karaoke and cook Korean food for her friends and family. She moved to the Atlanta area in 2001 to be closer to Robert and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

I also want to honor Ms. Yue's sons, who have raised awareness of the impact that violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has on families and communities. Elliott bravely served our country in the U.S. Army for over 24 years. He recently retired in

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